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Lance Cpl. Townsend Milligan (center), quality control monitor and youngest Marine present, takes a bite of cake given to him by Col. Mark Callihan, chief of staff, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region and oldest Marine present. Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas (right), commanding general, MCRD San Diego and the WRR, passed the piece of birthday cake to Callihan, who passed it to Milligan in accordance with Marine Corps birthday tradition. See story, pg. 4 Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron

## Corps hails 34th commandant

BY CPL. AARON K. CLARK  
Marine Barracks 8th & I

General James T. Conway became the 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps, Monday, after assuming command from Gen. Michael W. Hagee during a change of command ceremony here.

General Hagee's retirement ceremony took place earlier Monday morning, ending 42 years of distinguished military service.

"Throughout all the postings and assignments I have had, the one thing I am most proud of is that since 1968, I have been called a U.S. Marine," said Gen. Hagee.

Secretary of Defense, Donald H. Rumsfeld, was present for the retirement and the change of command ceremony.

"(Hagee) left behind a Marine Corps that under his watch has become the best-trained, the best-led, and the best-equipped force in history," Rumsfeld said. He also noted Hagee has led the Marine Corps during some of the organization's most challenging times, citing the Marines' hard fighting in Fallujah, Ramadi and other parts of western Iraq.

"Heroes are not in short supply," Rumsfeld said of today's Marines. "We can say with pride that many of this nation's great-

est young people are those who proudly wear the eagle, the globe and the anchor."

General Conway, a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University, was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1970, where he held a variety of platoon and company commander billets. As a field grade officer, he taught tactics at The Basic School, served as operations officer for the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit to include contingency operations off Beirut, Lebanon, commanded Battalion Landing Team 3/2 during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and served as commanding officer of TBS.

As a general officer, Gen. Conway has served as the commander of the First Marine Expeditionary Force during two combat tours in Iraq, the president of the Marine Corps University at Quantico, Va., and the Director of Operations, on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, where he served prior to becoming Commandant of the Marine Corps.

"The raw courage, the selflessness, the teamwork demonstrated by this young generation is absolutely unbelievable," said Gen. Conway. "I would suggest that our services, our Corps and our nation are in great shape for a long time to come."

General Conway takes the helm as Marines continue to engage enemies on the

frontlines of the Global War on Terrorism.

"This is going to take awhile," he said of ongoing operations in Iraq. "With your support there is only one outcome, and that is victory."



Right, Gen. Michael W. Hagee, 33rd Commandant of the Marine Corps, passes the Marine Corps battle colors to Gen. James T. Conway, 34th Commandant of the Marine Corps. Cpl. Aaron K. Clark/8th & I

## Recruits test personal limits through Crucible team-building

BY LANCE CPL. JAMES GREEN  
Chevron staff

During the Crucible, a 54-hour event that tests everything recruits have learned throughout training, recruits are evaluated on their skills and knowledge by completing numerous team-building obstacles at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The confidence course, along with every other obstacle in the Crucible, is comprised of several events that allow the recruits to compose a plan before pursuing a timed mission.

"We have a similar confidence course on the depot, but it doesn't have all of the obstacles we have here," said Staff Sgt. Chad R. Kiehl, drill instructor, Platoon 2037, Company H. "Their only mission is to get across."

"Here, they have to transport ammo cans and five gallon jugs in a timed situation with simulated casualties," continued Kiehl. "It forces them to think for them-

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Company H recruits are required to cross the two-line bridge. Their mission is to get every member in their squad, along with five ammunition cans across the bridge within a set time limit. Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron

2039  
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### FEATURED DRILL INSTRUCTORS

In 2000, Christian M. Quintanacruz became a Marine. Six years later, he is a drill instructor in the same platoon as the Marine who trained him.

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### RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

He left his war-torn country in Africa on foot, walked countless miles and ended up in America. He was 8 years old.

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### DEPOT TAKES THIRD PLACE, MIRAMAR TAKES ALL

West Coast Regional Soccer Tournament

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Lance Cpl. Edwin C. Alvarado, administrative clerk, stands at the position of attention moments before he helps escort the birthday cake to the front of reviewing stand. *Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*

# Depot celebrates 231st Marine Corps birthday with uniform pageant, cake cutting ceremony

BY LANCE CPL. ROBERT W. BEAVER  
*Chevron staff*

The 231st Marine Corps birthday was celebrated Nov. 9 on the Shepherd Memorial Drill Field here during the annual cake cutting ceremony.

Marines and sailors have gathered in this time-honored tradition since the cake cutting ceremony's inception in 1951 by the 20th Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd.

For more than 230 years, the Marine Corps has proven itself to be the nation's force in readiness through its successes in combat, from its first amphibious landing in the Bahamas to the desolate battlefields of Iraq.

The ceremony opened with an invocation and continued with the traditional reading of the Gen. John A. Lejeune, 13th Commandant of the Marine Corps, birthday message.

Since 1921, Gen. Lejeune's inspirational birthday message has been read each year during the Corps' birthday celebration.

"His message motivates me," said Sgt. Kyle R. Ledlie, fiscal chief for Recruit Training Regiment. "The birthday is an opportunity for Marines of all ranks to come together to build camaraderie. With our busy schedules sometimes we forget that we are all Marines and a part of the same family."

A uniform pageant followed the birthday message and featured uniforms from the Continental Marines to the warriors of present day.

The uniform pageant brought back memories for some as the hands of time were turned back to revisit the accomplishments set forth by the forefathers of the Marine Corps.

Jim Batchelder, a former Marine who attended the ceremony, took an interest in the pageant. He said when he saw the different uniforms they helped him remember his service in the Corps.

Brigadier Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, gave her birthday message and invited Marines to recommit themselves to the Corps' values of honor, courage

and commitment.

After her address, Salinas cut the cake with a Mameluke sword and presented the first piece to the oldest Marine present, Col. Mark Callihan, chief of staff for the depot and WRR.

Callihan then presented the next piece of cake to the youngest Marine present, Lance Cpl. Townsend Milligan, quality control monitor. This tradition signifies the passing of tradition and knowledge from older to newer generations of Marines.

"It was an honor to be a part of the cake cutting ceremony during my first birthday celebration," said Milligan, a 19-year-old native of Oakland, Calif.

Following 231 years of selfless service and sacrifices, the Marine Corps continues to renew its commitment through its traditions like that of the annual birthday celebration. This celebration brought Marines from the past and present together for hopes of another 231 years of remaining the world's finest fighting force, the United States Marine Corps.



The depot color guard presented the American and Marine Corps flags before Marine Band San Diego played the Star-Spangled Banner. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*



Brigadier Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, takes a moment during the ceremony to wish Marines a happy birthday and invite them to recommit themselves to the Corps' values of honor, courage and commitment Nov. 9. *Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*



A small flag display rests atop the depot's birthday cake. *Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron*



Staff Sgt. Joe Payton stands tall before leading Marine Band San Diego's performance. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*



Recruits from all the battalions take a break from training for their first Marine Corps birthday. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*



Cpl. Robert C. Padilla parades in an authentic World War II combat uniform. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*



RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

Co. H Marine walks across three countries for freedom

BY LANCE CPL. JAMES GREEN  
Chevron staff

Private First Class Michael A. Atem, Platoon 2033, Company H, graduates today as a Marine just like the Marines by his side.

For the last three months they have been through the same challenges and overcame many obstacles as a team, but their pasts took place in two different worlds.

Atem was born in Bor, Sudan, a country where killing was a resolution of problems between people in his community and death was not hidden from the members of his village.

In 1983, a civil war broke out in Sudan, the North Arabs against the South Christians, and continued for four years. Atem, 8 years old at the time, was struck with a serious situation: Stay and die, or leave his home and live.

He made a decision to leave with his cousin, along with 16,000 other Bor natives who fled the death penalty set in place by their country's war.

Atem, a Christian, walked for more than two months to Ethiopia surviving on wild fruit and sleeping on road-sides every night. After arriving in Ethiopia, he made the country his new home. He remained there for four years before another war broke out.

The year 1991 brought more horrific battles to Atem. Ethiopia was at war with Eritrea. Once again he was forced out of his home for fear of his safety.

"They were killing everyone," said Atem, who is now 27. "We didn't know if the new government after the war would have us killed or not, so we left."

After leaving the second country, he and the other refugees on this journey made their way back to Sudan. They did not get very far before they were attacked by the Eritrean, where many of the refugees were killed.

The survivors of the assault continued on their quest for a safe haven and found it in Sudan. Although the war was over, the small town in which they came to live had no source of food. They lived on wild fruits and fish from a nearby river for three months.

When Atem finally felt he had left the wars of his country far behind, he was again brought back to the reality that the unstable nation he lived in was under attack of the Arabs.



Pfc. S. D. Mandall shares water with Atem during weapons turn-in. This camaraderie is encouraged in recruit training.



Pfc. Michael Atem salutes the American flag as "Retreat" plays on the depot, and the flag is lowered. Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron photos

In 1992, Arab warplanes bombed the town Atem called home, which prompted him to leave Sudan for a second time.

"The town was captured by the Arabs soon after we left," said Atem. "We were lucky to get out alive."

Now on his way to Kenya, he came across an American Red Cross convoy that picked him up and brought him to the village of Magaas, located on the border of Kenya and Sudan. While there, they were attacked by the natives, and five of the travelers were killed.

When Atem made it to Kenya, at the age of 13, he attended school and finished up his primary and secondary education. It was at school when he was contacted by the U.S. embassy in Kenya and interviewed to come to America for a better life.

After completing the interview and being selected

for the trip, he was given \$850 for a plane ticket to Las Vegas, a random city chosen by the U.S. Embassy, which he was to pay back within three years. Now in the U.S. at age 22, he got a job at Burger King and paid his tab in less than one year.

Coming to America meant escaping the wars in Sudan, but he faced the consequence of being separated from his cousin who received a ticket to Michigan.

Atem went to Michigan to reunite with his cousin after paying his debt, where he attended Lansing Community College and earned his Associates Degree in molecular biology.

While he was in college, Atem was contacted by an Army recruiter who told him how he could benefit and help others by joining the military. He researched the military branches and contacted a Marine Corps recruiter, who set everything up for him to attend recruit training here.

Atem said he joined the military to help those who cannot help themselves. If it was not for the people who helped him leave Sudan when he was young, he would not be here today.

He enlisted in the Marines as an accounting and supply clerk and was assigned to Company E. After being dropped for training for stress fractures, he was in the Medical Rehabilitation Platoon for three weeks before resuming training with Company H.

"Because of his broken English, it was hard for him to understand what was going on and why he was dropped," said Gunnery Sgt. Christopher M. Glocke, drill instructor, Platoon 2033. "He is a good recruit though. He may not be the loudest, but he wants to be here."

Aside from this slight set back, Atem said he has learned discipline, leadership and is more confident in everything he does.

He has experienced things as a child that many of the Marines he graduated with will never understand, even if they are on the front lines in combat, said Glocke, a St. Paul, Minn. native.

Atem's next stop is Marine Combat Training at the School of Infantry in Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he will learn all the basic combat skills he will need to be successful in the Marine Corps.

Dr. Timothy P. White

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Dr. Tim White assumed duties as the University of Idaho's 16th president in August 2004. Through his leadership, the university has established a vision and strategic direction to further the university's role as the state's land-grant and flagship research university over the next decade. The university has identified five key academic priorities: science and technology, liberal arts and sciences, entrepre-

neurial innovation, the environment, and sustainable design and lifestyle, and has reinvested university resources in support of these themes.

Prior to joining the University of Idaho, White served Oregon State University as provost and executive vice president, with an interim appointment as president. He previously held positions as professor and chair of the Department of Human Biodynamics at the University of California, Berkeley, and as professor and chair of the Department of Movement Science and research scientist in the Institute

of Gerontology at the University of Michigan.

White received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, and spent two years as a post-doctoral scholar in physiology at the University of Michigan before starting his academic career at Ann Arbor, Mich. He is internationally recognized for his work in muscle plasticity, injury and aging.

White was born in Argentina. His parents moved to Canada and then to California when he was young. He is a first-generation college graduate.



<b>Platoon 2035</b> <b>COMPANY HONOR MAN</b> Lance Cpl. C. W. Morris Chula Vista, Calif. Recruited by Sgt. F. R. Santiago	<b>Platoon 2033</b> <b>SERIES HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. J. S. Benjamin New Carlyle, Ind. Recruited by Staff Sgt. S. Kosnik	<b>Platoon 2034</b> <b>PLATOON HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. P. Pholkham Sacramento, Calif. Recruited by Sgt. J. G. Ellis	<b>Platoon 2037</b> <b>PLATOON HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. J. D. Jimenez Los Angeles Recruited by Sgt. G. Medranoquonez	<b>Platoon 2038</b> <b>PLATOON HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. E. W. Westman Houston Recruited by Staff Sgt. R. Salazar	<b>Platoon 2039</b> <b>PLATOON HONOR MAN</b> Pfc. L. L. Vang Fl. Snelling, Minn. Recruited by Staff Sgt. J. B. Bonnette	<b>Platoon 2039</b> <b>HIGH SHOOTER (238)</b> Pfc. L. L. Vang Fl. Snelling, Minn. Recruited by Staff Sgt. J. B. Bonnette	<b>Platoon 2037</b> <b>HIGH PFT (299)</b> Pfc. J. M. Litzy Lebanon, Mo. Recruited by Sgt. R. L. Kosmatin
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HOTEL COMPANY



Pfc. Frank Gutierrezrobles, Platoon 2037, Company H, holds security as the rest of his squad completes the Weaver obstacle during the Crucible. Lance Cpl. James Green/Chevron

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Gunnery Sgt. F. M. Moreno

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Cpl. Caleb Williams, Miramar forward, sprints forward maneuvering around defensive players in the West Coast Regional championship game. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron photos*



Sgt. Juan A. Lopez, depot forward, attempts to score during their final game of the tournament.

# MCAS Miramar owns West Coast Regional Soccer Tournament

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ  
*Chevron Staff*

The West Coast Regional Soccer tournament recently ended here in a Marine Corps Air Station Miramar landslide victory, Nov. 10.

Miramar slaughtered the competition with a 5-0 undefeated record, trailed by Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, who had a record of 3-2.

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego ended the tourney with a 2-3 record, tying for third. Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, Calif., came in last after losing four games.

Master Sgt. Anthony Hernandez, depot coach, said the cohesion between

most of the teams was outstanding. He also said most of the teams playing in the tournament practiced together a lot and perfected their playing scheme.

The teams came ready to play and it showed, added Hernandez.

Miramar proved its strength on the field by never losing a game and sweeping the tournament. They accounted their wins to the preparation and conditioning for the games.

“We controlled the ball and played a possession game,” said Staff Sgt. Richard Hernandez Jr., Miramar head coach.

Trailing in points after every first half, Miramar focused its efforts on running the other team into exhaustion. The strategy prevailed wonderfully and attributed to the team’s record, according to Richard Hernandez.



Miramar utilizes their passing abilities to wear down the defense and out run their opponents.